

Meeting Date: July 24, 2008

Agenda Item No. 24

Agenda Item: Region 1 – Anselmo acquisition

Approved by: GS

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Background:

This 28 acre fee title acquisition consists of 2 parcels located along the Pend Oreille River approximately 1 mile east of Oldtown, Idaho.

Originally proposed as an acquisition of a 12 acre parcel of forest wetland habitats adjacent to the Pend Oreille River habitat segment, an additional parcel of 15 acres was added to the project subsequent to project initiation. This 15 acre parcel was added because it provides additional protection to an active bald eagle nest as well as to some springs on the property. No structures exist on either property.

The properties are being acquired through the Albeni Falls wildlife mitigation program and will be funded by BPA. The properties will be managed as part of the Pend Oreille WMA and they are adjacent to the existing 3 acre Albeni Cove habitat segment. Additional operating costs of these properties.

The property was previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in January 2008.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

Land acquisition in accordance with Commission land acquisition policy.

Public Involvement Process:

County commissioners have been notified and support the acquisition. The public will be informed and contacted for their input regarding management of the property.

Staff Recommendation:

The Lands Committee recommends proceeding with the acquisition.